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## Local Corps of Engineers organization garners several prestigious Air Combat Command awards

WINCHESTER, Va. – The Transatlantic Programs Center, an element of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers headquartered in Winchester, has been recognized by the U.S. Air Force's Air Combat Command for excellence in project management.

During a ceremony in Newport News, Va., Feb. 17, the ACC named the Transatlantic Programs Center its 2005 Design Agent of the Year for Design through Construction. The award recognizes TAC's accomplished engineering services through the management of design and construction programs for Air Force requirements within the U.S. Central Command's area of responsibility (27 culturally and economically diverse nations located throughout the Horn of Africa, South and Central Asia, and Northern Red Sea regions, as well as the Arabian Peninsula and Iraq).

Also recognized individually were John P. Ham, a project management division chief, and Ronald J. Tomechko, a project manager. Ham earned the 2005 ACC Design Project Manager of the Year award. Tomechko was presented with ACC's 2005 Design through Construction Project Manager of the Year award.

In addition, ACC annually recognizes outstanding contractors for with the ACC Construction Excellence Award. This year's honor went to the joint venture of Morganti/AICI, the TAC contractor constructing an \$91 million housing and support facility complex for use by the U.S. Air Force in Qatar.

The Air Force organization initiated the annual Air Combat Command Design Awards program many years ago to recognize contributions to improvements in the quality of life and mission capabilities at its installations through design excellence. Awards are determined by a selection jury of architects with a wide range of expertise.

Last year, Tomechko was also ACC's 2004 Civilian Project Manager of the Year Design through Construction and TAC was named the 2004 District Agent of the Year for Design.

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